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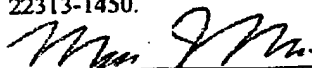
In re Application of:	Robert E. Wagner JR.		
Serial No.:	10/078,278	Group Art Unit:	1634
Filed:	February 20, 2002	Examiner:	Bausch, S
For:	MUTATION DETECTION USING MutS and RecA	Attorney Docket:	007274-01

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the USPTO November 30, 2005 and with reference to the telephone interview conducted March 29, 2006. Applicants hereby request a 2-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, to extend the time for response from February 28, 2006 to May 1, 2006 (Applicant notes that April 30, 2006 is a Sunday).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

Please reconsider the Application as follows:

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